

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 76-92, 95-96, 106-115, 131, and 146 are pending in this application. Claims 93-94, 97-105, and 124-130 are canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 76-92, 106-115, 131, and 146 are allowed and that claims 95-96 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 95-96 have been amended to include the limitations of independent claim 93. All rejected claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants believe all remaining claims (76-92, 95-96, 106-115, 131, and 146) are now in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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Respectfully submitted,

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